

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

Thursday, October 25, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

Chair Clemente called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (11/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (0/11)

A PowerPoint presentation on economic development through energy innovation was given by **Jim Croce**, CEO of NextEnergy. He also submitted written material.

Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Leland moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on October 18, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Resolution 176** before the committee.

HR 176 Espinoza	A resolution to memorialize Congress to repeal Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and to support a return to a negotiated rulemaking process with the states.
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Representative Espinoza explained the intent of the resolution and answered questions.

Representative Opsommer testified in support of the resolution.

Representative Garfield moved to report **House Resolution 176** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **9:59 a.m.**

Chair Clemente called the committee to order in Rm. 327, House Office Building, the time being **10:42 a.m.**

Representative Opsommer continued with testimony in **support** of the resolution and answered questions. He also submitted written material.

Jim Harper, representing The Cato Institute, testified in **support** of the resolution and answered questions. He also submitted written material.

Philip Bareham, representing himself, testified in support of the resolution.

Written material in **support** of the resolution was also submitted by the following:

Missouri State Representative **Jim Guest**;

Noel Saleh, representing the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services; and

John Musick, representing the Michigan Organizing Project.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:44 a.m.**

Representative Ed Clemente, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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